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The outcome of this project will be increased safety, better access to local businesses, and less congestion along this corridor.

This newsletter is being distributed to local businesses and owners that will be impacted by the project. If you would like more information, please contact:

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City of Redmond Construction News

Redmond Way Access Improvements 168th Ave NE to Bear Creek Bridge

NEW SIGNAL, SAFER BUSINESS ACCESS, IMPROVED TRAFFIC FLOW

Where? The City of Redmond is ready to begin construction on a roadway improvement project to reduce traffic congestion on Redmond Way from the west side of Anderson Park at 168th Avenue NE to the west side of the Bear Creek Bridge (just west of State Route 520). Newsletters with project updates have been delivered to area businesses several times over the past three years.

Why? Heavy traffic volumes combined with closely spaced driveways on this section of Redmond Way have made for some frustrating and sometimes dangerous driving conditions over the years. In an effort to address traffic congestion and safety problems, the City is making the improvements shown on the back page of this notice. These improvements are intended to increase safety through the corridor and make for smoother traffic flow for shoppers and through-traffic.

CONSTRUCTION STARTING THIS SPRING 2004

What? Improvements will include:

- Raised center medians
- New signalized intersection at the east end of Bear Creek/Creekside Crossing shopping centers
- Westbound business access and transit lane to 170th Avenue NE
- Additional westbound left turn lane at 170th Avenue NE
- New pedestrian signal at 168th Avenue NE crossing Cleveland St.

In addition, a portion of the existing overhead power lines will be placed underground, a new street lighting system will be installed along the corridor, and several underground utilities will be replaced.

Most driveways between SR 520 and Avondale Way NE will be limited to right-in and right-out traffic (no left turns). This is needed to solve a persistent accident problem due to entering and exiting traffic from driveways. Fortunately, all businesses have an alternate route to access Redmond Way. In addition, the new signalized intersection at the current east entry into Bear Creek Shopping Center will provide a safe access in all directions to Bear Creek and Creekside Crossing Shopping Centers and to Redmond Way.

When? Construction will start this spring and will be complete in winter 2005. The majority of the work is expected to occur late spring through fall 2004.

Impact: Unfortunately, temporary lane closures will be necessary for in-road work, so traffic delays are expected. Also, specific water and power disruptions will be necessary; these will be coordinated ahead of time with affected businesses.

BUSINESS ACCESS A PRIORITY

Business access is a major concern. We will do everything possible to minimize inconvenience for shoppers accessing businesses in the construction zone. Signs and flaggers will assist in directing shoppers through the area during construction.